(b) and (c) 26 schemes are in pipeline and details of these schemes are indicated in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 162]. While Five schemes are likely to be finalised shortly, the remaining schemes can be considered by HUDCO only after compliance of outstanding requirements is received from the agencies involved.

(d) The assistance is open for all categories of houses such as EWS, LIG, MIG and HIG.

(e) No definite percentage has been earmarked for families living below the poverty line or for members belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. However, the Government has prescribed that a minimum of 55 per cent of HUDCO's loan sanctions should be in favour of the Economically Weaker Sections and Low Income Groups and this is ensured by HUDCO every year.

Mini Steel Plants in Madhya Pradesh

3832. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI. Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of mini-steel plants functioning in Madhya Pradesh at present and how many are lying idle or are closed,

(b) whether any assessment has been made of the functioning of these plants, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the causes of malfunctioning of mini-steel plants have since been identified, if so, whether Government propose to take any remedial action in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) There are 12 mini steel plants installed in Madhya Pradesh. Out of these, at present 8 are functioning and 4 are closed.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) A large number of mini steel plants in the country suffer from technological obsolescence. In addition mini steel plants have represented that they are facing problems due to shortage of power and the high price of inputs. Government have decided to allow expansion of mini steel plants which undertake modernisation. Government have also reduced the customs duty on imported scrap by 5 per cent *ad-valorem* with effect from 4th December, 1986. The supply of power to different categories of consumers is determined by the State Electricity Boards.

Government-owned agriculture farms in M. P.

3833. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of agriculture farms in Madhya Pradesh which are owned and managed by the Central Government, I C A.R. or any other Central Government agency and where they are located;

(b) what was the annual income and expenditure from each of these farms during the last three years;

(c) what other useful research and development work is being done in these farms; and

(d) whether any complaints of mismanagement and corruption have been received regarding any of these farms, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha

Sale of Carbendazim 50 per cent WP by M/s Basf India Limited

3834 SHRI M. A BABY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleas-

pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1419 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th November, 1987 and state·

(a) what are the administrative and technical difficulties M/s. BASF India Limited are having for not making available statewise record and at what minimum price 'Carbendazim' 50 per cent WP was actually sold,

(b) whether the zonal offices of the company are not maintaining any record regarding receipt and issue of 'Carbendazim' 50 per cent WP from their Head Office and sold at what rates in different states or Head office is not maintaining any such record that how much quantity despatched to a particular zonal office and on what rates they have sold in different states and amount received; and

(c) what legal action Government have taken or propose to take against such irregularities referred above and steps taken to ascertain the detailed information from the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA)· (a) and (b) Under the Insecticides Act, 1968, there is no requirement for supply of such information by Companies and, therefore, this Ministry has no information on the subject.

(c) In view of reply to parts (a) and (b) the question does not arise

Import of Metalaxyl by M/s. Hindustan Ciba Geigy Limited

3835 SHRI M A BABY· Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 829 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July 1987 and state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Ciba Geigy Limited, Bombay to whom Registration Committee of C I.B. allowed import of 6 MT of 'Metalaxyl' against provisional registration since had imported this material, if so, what are the details thereof, C.I.F. price (including Custom) and on what rates it is sold,

(b) under whose recommendations this material was allowed to be imported, and

(c) whether Hindustan Ciba Geigy Limited is a MRTP or multinational company, with details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) According to the information made availabe by the Hindustan Ciba Geigy Ltd, Bombay, they imported only 44 Kgs of Metalaxyl. The CIF value of the said insecticide was 80 swiss francs/kg and the material was meant for test and trial purposes. Therefore, the question of its sale does not arise.

(a) The Registration Committee allows the quantum of import of insecticide by granting provisional registration under section 9(3B) of the Insecticides Act to enable to said registrant to generate data for consideration of its regular registration under section 9(3) of the Act. The precise quantum of import depends upon the nature of test and trials which are to be conducted for generation of said type of data.

(c) M/s Hindustan Ciba Geigy Limited were registered as an undertaking to which the provision of Section 20 (a) (ii) and (b) (i) of the MRTP Act are applicable.

Encroachment of Mirdard Road, New Delhi

3836. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 1192 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th March, 1987 and state·